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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Restriction Action mailed November 3, 2003, which response is being made on or
before December 3, 2003.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1-22, 55-64 and 115-142, drawn to a method of diagnosing disease by immunoreacting a serum sample with peptide epitopes and/or peptides bound to a solid support.

Furthermore, with respect to the species selection, Applicants hereby select from:

Specie A: Endogenous protein : NF-H.

Species B: Type of epitope : continuous.

Specie C: Sequence ID No. : 77.

Species D: Neurodegenerative/Ischemic Disorder : Alzheimer's Disease.

Species E: Phospho amino acid : phosphoserine.

It is believed that Claims 1-3, 5-22, 55-64, 115-122 and 124-142 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,


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